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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KENNETH SCHOFIELD, et al.)
Appln. No.: 09/227,344)
Filed: January 8, 1999)
For: VEHICLE CONTROL SYSTEM)
AND METHOD (As amended))
Examiner: M. Sikder
Group Art Unit: 2872
June 19, 2000
(Monday)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

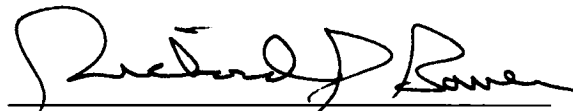
Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election requirement of May 18, 2000, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 93-107. Further, Applicants provisionally elect the species (a) where the output signal comprises an airbag inhibit signal. Applicants submit that Claims 93-96 and 100-111 read upon elected species, with Claims 93-95 and 108 being generic.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction/Election requirement on the grounds that the burden on the Examiner to examine all claims in a single application is less than the burden on Applicants/public to prosecute/search more than one application/patent.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Bauer", written over a horizontal line.

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